

The Wyoming Bean Commission has six members who were recently appointed by Governor Mead to serve on the commission and will meet for the first time on December 7-8, 2015 in Cheyenne.

The first meeting of the Wyoming Bean Commission is set for December 7-8, 2015 in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the Wyoming Department of Agriculture main office. During the first day of the meeting which starts at 8:30 a.m., the Commission will elect Commission Chair and Vice Chair, review the statute and Commission responsibilities, establish policies for procedural board duties, receive training on Boards & Commissions, hear an overview on Formal Rule Making Procedures and review rules draft, and discuss fiscal procedures. On the second day which starts at 8:30 a.m., the Commission will continue discussion on fiscal procedures, discuss future research needs, and discuss handler audits & verification of payments of assessments, and any discuss any other business before the Commission. The meeting will conclude each day upon the completion of business and there will be an opportunity for public comment each day.

The newly appointed members of the Wyoming Bean Commission are Jeffery Chapman (handler) of Goshen County, Beau Fulton (grower) of Park County, Jerrod Lind (grower) of Platte County, Pascual Aguilar (grower) of Big Horn County, Wayne Hort (grower) of Goshen County, Lynn Preator (handler/bean dealer) of Big Horn County, and Hank Uhden (ex-officio member from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture).

The Bean Commission established by Senate File 42 is comprised of six members initially appointed by the Governor. Four members are growers, and two members are handlers with facilities located in Wyoming. One member must reside in Laramie, Platte or Goshen County, Wyoming. The Bean Commission is funded through assessments collected on dry bean sales and is housed within the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. The commission will meet no less than two times each year and will keep a permanent record of its proceedings and report its activities to the Governor and Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands, and Water Resources interim committee. Along with this, the commission may conduct or contract scientific research, disseminate information on dry edible beans based on research, study state and federal legislation with respect to matters concerning the dry edible bean industry, appoint advisory groups, make grants to research agencies for financing special or emergency studies, and a variety of other activates.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is located at 2219 Carey Ave. in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

For more information on the Wyoming Bean Commission, contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321.

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